

## OUR PRAYERS

### Nashville

Mike Simmons (Ginny Lawrence's son)

### Dyersburg Med. Cntr.

Jack Baker (Lorelle's bro-in-law)

### Hospice Care

Tina Gift

### King's Daughters and Sons Home

3568 Appling Rd., 38133

Martha Ruth Allen Rm. 101

### At Home

Frances Coffman



## OUR PRESENCE

### December 9

Church School	47
Worship	68
Visitors	3



## OUR GIFTS

### December 9

This Week's Offering	\$ 7,690
MTD	\$ 12,666
Apportionments TD	\$ 17,100



## OUR SERVICE

### Assisting December 16

<b>Greeters</b>	Audrey Weaver Keith Coffman
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bruce Hughes
<b>Scripture</b>	Warren Petty
<b>Children's Time</b>	
<b>Lock-up</b>	Jimmie Bedwell



## OUR WITNESS

### December Scripture Readers

23	Judy Stanley
30	Happy Gbeneneh



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## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

As we get closer and closer to Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, I'm sure you will hear more and more about the end of the Mayan calendar which will lead to the end of the world. Since I entered the ministry in 1998, this will be the third time that people have been predicting the end of the world.

I like this quote by Jennifer Bosworth: "If you want to remain in control of a doomsday cult, don't give a date for the end of the world unless you're really, really sure it's going to happen. Being wrong tends to undermine your authority."

Peace and Grace,  
Brother Paul

### Scripture Readings for Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

### Sermon Title

"Are You Ready for Christmas?"



## LÖÖKING AHEAD

- Sun. 12/16 9:45a Church School  
10:55a Worship  
12:15p UMW Unit Meeting  
6:00p Christmas Cantata
- Mon. 12/17 Noon News Deadline
- Tue. 12/18 **No** Cub Scouts
- Wed. 12/19 **News Deadline For Next Week's Newsletter**  
**No** Evening Activities
- Thu. 12/20 10:00a Bible Study
- Fri. 12/21 Offices Closed  
7:00p Current Events Party
- Sat. 12/22 9:00a AFLS
- Sun. 12/23 9:45a Church School  
10:55a Worship
- Mon. 12/24 6:30p Christmas Eve  
Communion Service  
Offices Closed
- Tue. 12/25 Christmas Blessings to All  
Offices Closed



### CHRISTMAS CANTATA 'BORN A SAVIOR, BORN A KING' DECEMBER 16 - 6 P.M.

The original melodies blended with familiar carols will bring us the excitement of that first Christmas in Bethlehem. Join us and bring your family and friends.

**Choir Members**, remember the extra choir rehearsal on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 10 a.m.

## UMW NEWS

Aldersgate United Methodist Women wish all a joyous Christmas season.

Ladies, If you are not already a member of UMW, we encourage you join. It would be a great way to start out the New Year! Our Unit meeting is on December 16th right after church. We will have a pot luck lunch and install our 2013 officers. Hope to see you there.



### SIGN UP NOW TO BE A GREETER IN 2013

The sign-up sheet is on the office window.



### FOR THE FOOD PANTRY THRU DECEMBER Fruit Juice & Canned Fruit



## ALTERNATIVE GIVING FOR CHRISTMAS

Looking for an alternative way to honor friends or family this Christmas. United Methodist Neighborhood Centers has a Utility Assistance Program where the need is great but funds are running low. No one should be cold or in the dark at Christmas time. What a great way to honor those who "have everything" by making a donation to the UMNC Program in their name. If you or your group or Sunday School Class would like to help make an inner city family's Christmas warmer and brighter, please send donations to UMNC, 3000 Walnut Grove Rd., Memphis TN 38111, earmarked "utility assistance".

Questions? Contact David Billings, 363-4993 or Sharon Cornelius, 754-6261.

## REMEMBERING OUR HOMEBOUND

Bring a smile to the faces of our friends. Remember them with a card or a call.

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Monday, Dec. 24 6:30 p.m.



## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Never decide to do nothing  
just because you can only do little.

## HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for

### Memorial Fund

In memory of Ed Gabriel by  
Jimmy & Jane Hight

### Scholarship Fund

In memory of Ed Gabriel by  
Tom & Sharon Lockhart



## WARMTH IN WINTER

### The 6th Annual Event for Older Adults

...at Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons Island, GA, is January 21-23. The theme for this years event is from John Denver's tune, 'Poems, Prayers and Promises'. Come join our leader, singer, humorist, and theologian, Ed Kilbourne, as he offers his wisdom and humor again this year.

Details and housing options are available on line at [www.epworthbythesea.org](http://www.epworthbythesea.org) or by calling 912-638-8688.



## DISCIPLINE FOR DISCIPLES

### Articles of Religion of the Methodist Church

Article II—Of the Word, or Son of God,  
Who Was Made Very Man

The Son, who is the Word of the Father, the very and eternal God, of one substance with the Father, took man's nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin; so that two whole and perfect natures, that is to say, the Godhead and Manhood, were joined together in one person, never to be divided; whereof is one Christ, very God and very Man, who truly suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, to reconcile his Father to us, and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for actual sins of men.

The Articles of Religion are reprinted from the Discipline of 1808